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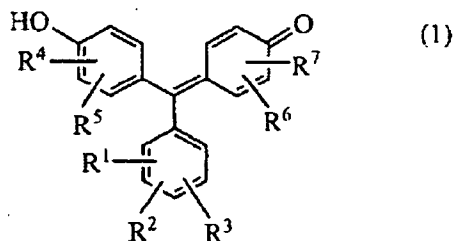
App. No. 10/530790
Office Action Dated July 16, 2008**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A test piece for creatinine measurement comprising:

a compound expressed by the following formula (1)



where R^1 represents H, SO_3X or $COOX$,

R^4 and R^6 represent OH, SO_3X , or $COOX$ and are either the same or different,

R^2 , R^3 , R^5 and R^7 represent H, OH, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , NO, or CH_3 and are either the same or different, and

Xs in the R^1 , R^4 and R^6 represent H, Na, K, or NH_4 and are either the same or different, and

a transition metal or its salt that forms a colored complex with the compound,

wherein the transition metal is Pd(II).

2. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (2)